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UNCLAS. SEPTEMBER 16 (PASS TO VOA) ACCORDING TO LA PRENSA GRAFICA, EL SALVADOR'S LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER, THE FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN, COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT, WILL BRING TO LIGHT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND MIGHT VERY WELL PRODUCE A REVISION OF AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD THE LATIN COUNTRIES.

EMPHASIZING THE FACT THAT IT WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT OF A LATIN AMERICAN CHIEF OF STATE TO THE UNITED STATES SINCE MR. FORD TOOK OFFICE, LA PRENSA GRAFICA SAID TODAY IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL:

"...FORD Y MICHELSEN NO SE LIMITARAN A DISCUTIR ASUNTOS DE INTERES HEMISFERICO.

"SE DICE QUE UN PORTAVOZ DE LA CASA BLANCA DECLARO QUE 'FORD ESPERA CONOCER LOS PUNTOS DE VITA DE LOPEZ MICHELSEN SOBRE LOS PRINCIPALES ASUNTOS DEL MOMENTO PARA DETERMINAR LA FORMA EN QUE PUDIERAMOS ENCARAR LA COOPERACION HEMISFERICA.' ESA COOPERACION HEMISFERICA HA VENIDO DETERIORANDOSE MAS, DE TRES ANOS A ESTA PARTE, Y NO ES MUCHO LO QUE PUEDE DECIRSE QUE HA HECHO EL ACTUAL MANDATARIO NORTEAMERICANO. AUN CUANDO HA DADO MULTIPLES SENALES DE BUENA VOLUNTAD, LA ADMINISTRACION NIXON LE DEJO UN PESADO LASTRE DEL QUE TODAVIA NO HA PODIDO DESHACERSE.

".ESE LASTRE CONTENIA, EN PRIMER LUGAR, LOS VIEJOS PROBLEMAS DEL CANAL DE PANAMA Y EL ESPINOSO ASUNTO DE LAS SANCIONES QUE LA OEA ACORDO IMPONER EN 1964 AL REGIMEN CUBANO. EN AMBOS PROBLEMAS RESULTA CLARO SU ALCANCE HEMISFERICO...

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"EL PUNTO DE VISTA DEL MANDATARIO COLOMBIANO SEGURAMENTE RESUL-

TARA DE MUCHA UTILIDAD AL PRESIDENTE FORD, A FIN DE PODER TRAZAR
LOS LINEAMIENTOS GENERALES DENTRO DE LOS CUALES DARLE FORMA AL
'NUEVO DIALOGO' DE ESTADOS UNIDOS CON LATINOAMERICA...
"ES POSIBLE QUE LAS INDIDENCIAS DE LA CAMPANA PRE-ELECTORAL EN
QUUUE HOY ESTA EMPENADO EL PRESIDENTE FORD LE RESTE PUBLICIDAD
A LA ENTREVISTA CON LOPEZ MICHELSEN, PERO SE TRATA DE UN
ENCUENTRO PERSONAL QUE BIEN PUDIERA SER PROVECHOSO PARA MOTIVAR
UNA REVISION DE LA POLITICA NORTEAMERICANA HACIA LATINOAMERICAM"
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